

## Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program

## **Mission Statement**

Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program provides early intervention services for children birth to three years with developmental needs. WE support, empower, and educate families in their homes and communities to help children reach their individual potential.

## **Vision Statement**

We envision a future where:

- For children birth to three with developmental needs, FCITP is respected as the Frederick County resource based on our unique expertise and application of best practice.
- FCITP will reach every child who may need our services.
- The community embraces and values all children and affords equal participation in early childhood activities.
- Families can readily access medical providers, early childhood resources, education, funding and other families.
- Families feel successful in helping their children reach their individual potential.

## **Guiding Principles**

Children are special and unique.

- Children have individual strengths and talents.
- The presence of a developmental need is not the defining characteristic of a child.

Parents are their child's best "teachers."

- Children develop and learn through relationships with their families and through repeated experiences during home and community activities.
- Parents have the best insight and opportunity to provide these experiences.

Families and providers work as partners toward outcomes that are meaningful and measurable.

- Active partnership and mutual respect guide the development of the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Desired outcomes are developmentally appropriate and are identified by considering a child's strengths and needs and through exploring the family's concerns, priorities, and resources.
- Early intervention providers coach families to help their children develop and learn by demonstrating activities to be carried out in their daily routines.